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SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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ASSISTANCE TO PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the type of assistance provided to the poor and physically challenged and deaf and dumb persons living in rural areas of various States, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi in particular alongwith the name of the agencies through which the assistance is being provided;

(b) whether it is a fact that poor and hapless physically challenged and deaf and dumb persons are not getting any type of assistance even today; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to provide direct assistance to the poor and hapless physically challenged and deaf and dumb persons?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) to (c): A number of schemes and programmes are being run in the country for the welfare and development of persons with disabilities including deaf and dumb persons. They include assistance for purchase/fitting of aids and appliances, running of rehabilitation centers for manpower development, special schools, promotion of self employment and placement services, soft loans for education and entrepreneurial activities etc. These activities are undertaken by the National Institutes, Rehabilitation Council of India, Non-Governmental Organisations, District Disability Rehabilitation Centres and National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation.